

NEWS OF THE STAGE WORLD.

George Grossmith Gives an Amusing Entertainment.

Col. W. F. Fife, of Tacoma, a New Shakespearian Star.

George Grossmith's daintily irresistible humor was fervently laughed at last night at the Mendelssohn Glee Club Hall, which held a very nice audience. Grossmith had an entirely new programme, evidently constructed upon a keener knowledge of American requirements than that of last year, and it was an extremely enjoyable one. Not for a moment did the entertainment drag. Grossmith has the happy knack of leaving off just when the audience would like him to continue for a little while longer. His recital lasts for just one hour and a half. It is very short, but the audience leaves the hall in excessive good humor without having yawned, or fidgeted, or looked at watches. Mr. Grossmith has probably thought it all out. Better be accused of not giving enough than of lavishing too much. The programme was divided into three parts, called respectively, "The Art of Entertaining," "How I Discovered America," and "Hilarious Impostures." The second, comprising the second section that attracted the most attention. Although Americans have grown somewhat callous to criticism, and to temporary defeat, it still falls, and Grossmith made a distinct hit, although, as he declared afterwards, he never means a word he says. He talked about the Englishmen, the English between English waltzers and familiar colored waltzers, railway stations, musical affairs, and the American drama. He described the English as a strong resemblance to "Shore Acres" and as posing a good deal of fun at it. He thought that American actors always walked with their shoulders up, while English actors walked with their heads up. In fact, he said, those on the floor could never see anything in an Englishman but fun. His description of a formal English dinner was most ludicrous. The audience roared at the idea of the young man who had come to change his ways up asked after the health of the hottest brother, who had been dead for three years. Altogether, it was a most enjoyable evening from start to finish.

There is to be a new star on the Shakespearian horizon—yet another appearance for "Hamlet" and "Othello"! The star is of the masculine gender, and is a native of Tacoma. He is Col. W. F. Fife, and he has been touring in the amateur circles of Washington "Territory." It appears that he is something quite out of the ordinary, and is destined to make a great stir in the just now rather quiet surface of the dramatic waters. He is to come East, engage a company, and clamor for a metropolitan verdict.

Oscar Hammerstein stood in the lobby of Koster & Bial's Concert Hall the other night. A friend of his went in to try to buy tickets. The house was sold out. Not a ticket could be purchased. This gentleman looked rather vexed.

"Business is great," said Mr. Hammerstein, putting his hands gleefully together. "I assure you, my dear fellow, that the house is too small."

"Oh!" murmured the friend. "That's all right. When you finished your new opera, Hammerstein, you'll find that the house is too large."

At which Mr. Hammerstein stopped rubbing his hands gleefully together.

Here Hirsch, an eccentric Swedish comedian, is now playing the leading role in "Charley's Aunt" at the Soda Theatre in Stockholm. Only one other comic English play has ever been the honor of presentation in Sweden. That was Henry Arthur Jones's drama "The Middleman."

The Kendals made their first appearance in New Orleans Monday night, and the critics were unanimous in their hearty entertainment. A sort of Barnum's circus series of notes preceded their appearance. Mr. Kendall, the New Orleans people were greatly delighted at the Earl of Yarborough, an item of knowledge that has hitherto been spared New York. Mrs. Kendall, they were informed, was directly responsible for the success of "With Love, Pauline." Her son has been telling people how to pronounce her name. The "o" in Coghlan must be short as in "on," and the "u" must be silent. Don't forget that, for goodness' sake.

Eighty per cent of the plays submitted to Miss Rose Coghlan are, she claims, the sort of things that don't make them carefully like them, and don't accept them. Next season she is to have a great play that made a sensation in London, and she will bring it over. Rose has been telling people how to pronounce her name. The "o" in Coghlan must be short as in "on," and the "u" must be silent. Don't forget that, for goodness' sake.

Wemyss Henderson says that in great spectatorial productions armor is now out of date. It's not used, and not in London or in Paris. Why? Because it doesn't show the figure, makes everybody look the same shape and is unnecessarily ponderous. Soft silver cloth is now the proper stuff.

De Bessell, the clever modeller in clay, who makes strikingly lifelike figures, with a white coat almost a garment of his, ends his engagement at Proctor's Theatre to-morrow night. He came to the country a season ago under the management of Dr. Hopkins, and has appeared at the Casino Roof Garden. De Bessell is a man with an interesting history and a graduate in medical science.

IN THE FIELD OF LABOR.

General Secretary Charles F. Reichers has succeeded in settling the differences of the United Garment Workers with Burk, Fried & Co., Baltimore.

About 4,000 men have been affected by the reduction of wages for bottle blowers, who before received \$4.50 to \$5 per day.

For next Friday, the Clothing Owners' Alliance No. 27 has called a meeting to discuss the question of how to assist the unemployed.

The Chapin woolen mill at Northboro, Mass., has stopped work until the time is settled. Meanwhile about 200 operatives have to borrow or beg.

Members of the Hexagon Club and of the Tile Laying Union have been appointed to the Port Department as inspectors of tiles. They say the present inspector is incompetent.

Lodge No. 15 of the Switchmen's Mutual Aid Association has elected W. M. Metzger, Master J. Dorn, Vice-Master, O. Heimzelman, Recording Secretary, E. Wright, Financial Secretary; A. O. Hartshorn, J. R. Sullivan, P. C. Schmid, Director.

The special meeting of the United Association at which Mr. Fife, the speaker, adopted resolutions concerning a statement made by the General Labor Union that No. 15 was a bona fide organization.

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